

Conclusion of “Joint Announcement on Cooperation Between National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan and Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Republic of Korea”

At 11:00 a.m. on April 28, 2006, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan (NIID) and the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Republic of Korea (KCDC) adopted a joint announcement on cooperation on infectious diseases prevention, in the General-manager’s room of KCDC.

1. Summary

- (1) Title: “Joint Announcement on the Cooperation Between National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan And Korea Centers for Diseases Control, and Prevention, the Republic of Korea”
- (2) Objective: “Both parties shall implement the following cooperation, recognizing that close cooperation is necessary to promote health and welfare of the citizen of both countries and thus the entire human population.”
- (3) Details: “1) Joint research on infectious diseases, 2) Holding joint conferences on infectious diseases, 3) Human resources development, 4) Sharing information on infectious diseases, etc.”

2. Ceremony

The joint announcement was signed by Tatsuo Miyamura, Director-General of NIID and Oh Dae-Kyu, Director of KCDC, and the ceremony of exchanging memoranda was attended by two people from NIID; namely, Haruo Watanabe, Deputy Director-General, and the Director of the Division of International Cooperation.

3. Others

International cooperation is essential for controlling infectious diseases in this global age. Bilateral cooperation is important, along with multi-lateral cooperation through WHO. The organizations responsible for infectious disease control should work closely together by sharing information and promoting steady countermeasures, not to mention developing research, which will be needed for controlling emerging infections.

The memorandum (joint announcement) expands the collaboration of researchers to the collaboration of institutes. Similar memorandums with other institutes in neighboring countries are now under consideration.